GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4932
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2007
ENQUIRY INTO SAMJHAUTA EXPRESS FIRE INCIDENT
Chowdhury Shri Adhir Ranjan;Jindal Shri Naveen;Sajjan Kumar Shri ;Singh Shri Uday;Thakkar Smt. Jayaben B.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the investigation into the cause of the fire in Samjhauta Express which took place on February 18, 2007 has been completed;

(b) if so, the findings thereof and the follow-up action taken thereon;

(c) whether the compensation as announced by the Railways has since been paid to the next kith and kin of dead persons and injured persons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): Compensation is paid only after a decree is awarded on claim filed in the Railway Claims Tribunal by the victims or by dependents of the deceased passengers. No compensation claim has been filed so far. However, Railways have also announced ex-gratia relief of Rs.10 lakhs to the next of kin of each of the deceased and Rs.50,000/- to each of the injured victims. So far, Rs.131.75 lakhs have been disbursed as ex-gratia.